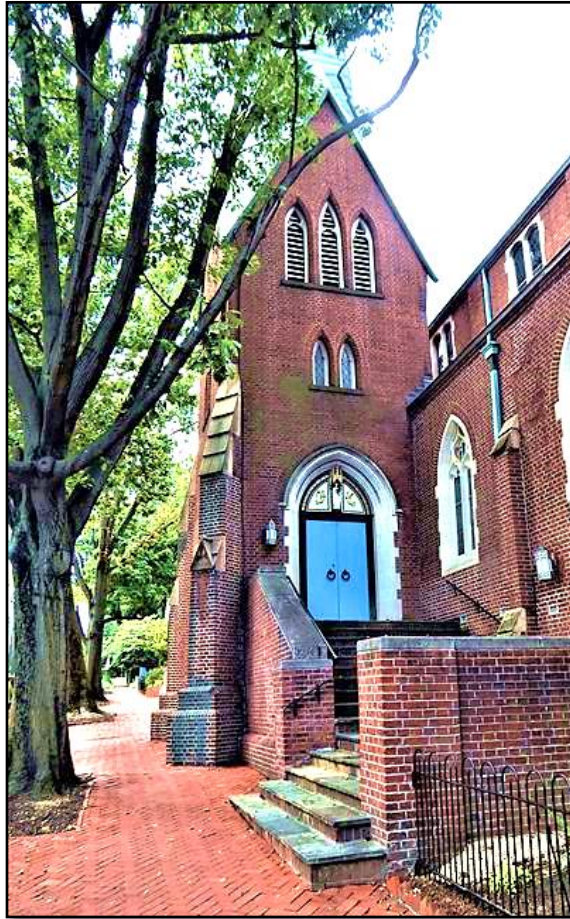


# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## TRINITY SUNDAY



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II  
JUNE 15, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M.

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## **WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

St. John's is an Open and Affirming congregation. In faithfulness to Jesus and His commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves, we invite everyone to celebrate with us in the full life and ministry of the Church. We believe strongly in our mission statement to Grow in God, Act in Service, and Witness in Love.

## **TO THOSE WHO MAY BE NEW OR ARE VISITING**

We are so glad you are here! Ushers are stationed at the back of the church and can answer any questions you may have or please ask a neighbor in the next pew. Restrooms can be found on the other side of the Parish Hall. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist after the service in the Parish Hall. A nursery is available every Sunday for our littlest members next to the restrooms. Thank you for being here!

## **A NOTE ABOUT OUR WORSHIP**

During the summer months, we worship as one congregation with a service every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Our Rite II service comes from the Book of Common Prayer and is filled with vibrant music, sacred scripture, and the breaking of bread. This service is filled with the joyful sound of children rustling in the pews, anthems sung to the glory of God, and the heartfelt prayers of those gathered. With processions, communal singing, and a mission to love and serve our neighbors, this service invites one to participate in the coming of the Kingdom. At St. John's everyone is welcome to the Lord's table.

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## THE WORD OF GOD

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you have an announcement, you would like the clergy to share,  
please fill out the form on our website or let the office know no later than Thursday.*

**PRELUDE** *Vision* Josef Rheinberger

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *Holy, Holy, Holy* **HYMNAL 362**

**OPENING ACCLAMATION** *(please remain standing as you are able)*

*Officiant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

**COLLECT FOR PURITY** **BCP 355**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**GLORIA** *Glory to God* **HYMNAL S-278**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**THE FIRST LESSON:** Proverb 8:1-4,22-31 (*please be seated for the readings*)

Does not wisdom call,  
    and does not understanding raise her voice?  
On the heights, beside the way,  
    at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
beside the gates in front of the town,  
    at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
"To you, O people, I call,  
    and my cry is to all that live.  
The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,  
    the first of his acts of long ago.  
Ages ago I was set up,  
    at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
    when there were no springs abounding with water.  
Before the mountains had been shaped,  
    before the hills, I was brought forth--  
when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
    or the world's first bits of soil.  
When he established the heavens, I was there,  
    when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
when he made firm the skies above,  
    when he established the fountains of the deep,  
when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
    so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
    then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
    rejoicing before him always,  
rejoicing in his inhabited world  
    and delighting in the human race."

*People*                      The Word of the Lord.  
                                    *Thanks be to God.*

## PSALM 8

- 1 O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

## THE SECOND LESSON: Revelation 5:1-5

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

**GRADUAL HYMN**

*God is Love; Let Heaven Adore Him*

**HYMNAL 379**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** John 16:12-15 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

*Celebrant*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*          *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to the disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

*People*          The Gospel of the Lord.  
                     *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **SERMON**

The Rt. Rev. Robert Gepert

**THE NICENE CREED** *(please rise in body or spirit)*

**BCP 358**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man. *(pause)*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Form IV**

**BCP 388**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. In the Diocesan and Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Paul's, Bloomsburg, and The Anglican Church of Mexico; God of love and mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for Donald, our president; Josh, our Governor; Danene, our mayor; and those serving in the Armed Forces. God of love and mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. God of love and mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially our friends at home; we pray for Ellen Keller, Nancy Nemith, Ricky Smith, Joanna Sweeney, Al Kuser, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith Kane, Merle Schnee, Sandy Grove, Peggy Zuke, and Peggy Buscher. Grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us. God of love and mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially Nancy Strasburg, Ella, Kevin, Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Collin, Eileen Waite, Andrew Wright, Denise Chandler, Sandy, Marshall, Bonnie, Wade Hinkle, Heidi, Danny, Kenneth, Sarah Gordon, Leslie Tahsler, Shannon & family, Jesse Rutledge, Lainey Jane & family and Sergei; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. God of love and mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. God of love and mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

*Celebrant* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:  
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE CONFESSION

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*



## THE PEACE

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          *And also with you.*

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**THE OFFERTORY**                      *The Lord's Prayer*                      Albert Hay Malotte  
   **Soloist** – Penn Glazier

**THE DOXOLOGY**              *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*              **HYMNAL 380 v.3**  
   *Praise him, all creatures here below;*  
   *Praise him above, ye heavenly host;*  
   *Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          *And also with you.*  
*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.  
*People*          *We lift them to the Lord.*  
*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*          *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**THE SANCTUS**              *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might*              **HYMN S-278**  
   *heaven and earth are full of your glory.*  
   *Hosanna in the highest.*  
   *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*  
   *Hosanna in the highest.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.  
**AMEN.**

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 365

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*The Episcopal Church invites all who seek God to our Lord's table. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. The wine is administered in two chalices: the common cup for drinking and the intinction cup for dipping your wafer into the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms over your chest when the wine passes. If you desire a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are also available. If you are unable to come to the altar, please let an usher know and we would be happy to bring communion to you!*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*Go Down Moses*  
**Soloist** – Penn Glazier

arr. Florence Price

## SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*Celebrant* In the name of God and on behalf of this parish, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.  
*People* We, who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## CLOSING HYMN

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

HYMNAL 398

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!  
*People*        Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

*Prelude and Fugue*

Rex Khoury

### **St. John's Traveler Letter:**

Did you know St. John's has a team of pilgrims who travel every week to the very places we pray for in the Anglican communion? Follow John as he shares a little bit about the church and the places he visits:

Dear Pastor Amanda,

Hola! ¿Qué onda? I'm writing from Cerro Altamirano, which is a good half-day bicycle ride northwest of Mexico City. Several years ago I read a book titled "Bicycling With Butterflies," in which the author described her journey following Monarch butterflies from their Winter resting spots in Mexico on their Summertime migration through North America to Canada, and back. Cerro Altamirano is one of about 14 sites with an oyamel fir forest that's a Winter home to about a billion (with a B) butterflies! They're mostly gone north by now, but this is a wonderful place to be anytime of year. Last week's Psalm is still in my head while I'm here: "O LORD, how manifold are your works! in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures." The earth is certainly full of butterflies here!

I'm fascinated by this migration, as it seems migration is a natural pattern of most of God's creatures. The Monarchs of Mexico are free to instinctively travel north to America and Canada and back. Resting where they will. Eating where they will. Giving birth where they will. Dying where they will. Not only irrespective of state and national borders, but we celebrate them for their traveling abilities. Stark contrast to how we view migrating people. When migration involves people we erect social, cultural, and political barriers. We build walls. However, our church is working to live out what we profess in our baptismal covenant and respect the dignity of every human being. Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Tucson helps coordinate a cross-border initiative called Artisans Beyond Borders in Nogales. Here people stuck on that side of that border find a safe place to create their craftwork as a therapeutic practice to relieve some of the trauma they've been through. This is a covenantal, love-filled ministry, and I encourage you to look for information about it on the Episcopal Migration Ministries website. If moved as I am, you can follow links to the online shops to buy some of this artwork which supports their efforts. As we also heard last week from Revelations: "All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God." I like to think that includes people as well as butterflies.

Blessings to you, from this land that's full of God's creatures.

-- John Traveler.



*By the Grace of God,*

The Right Reverend Audrey C. Scanlan  
XI Bishop of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

Will Ordain

*Joseph Edward Pritchett*

Among the 2025 Class of Ordinands

To The Sacred Order of Deacons  
In Christ's One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025  
At 10 o'clock in the morning

At  
*St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral*  
221 North Front St.  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Your prayers are requested.  
Clergy are invited to vest and process (red stole).  
Reception will follow.

If you are unable to attend, the service will be available via livestream.

<https://www.facebook.com/saint.stephens.cathedral>

To RSVP, please email [jepritch4@gmail.com](mailto:jepritch4@gmail.com)

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:**

### **TODAY**

*LEMONADE TIME TO FOLLOW WORSHIP!*

9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

### **TUESDAY, JUNE 17**

1:30 PM MARTHA'S MINISTRY

2:30 PM FOOD PANTRY

5:00 PM IMMIGRATION CLINIC

### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18**

12:00 PM HEIL WITH HEALING

2:00 PM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 19**

9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER

2:30 PM FOOD PANTRY

### **FRIDAY, JUNE 20**

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 21**

9:00 AM COMMUNITY BREAKFAST  
FIRST REFORMED

10:00 AM. ORDINATION – JOE PRITCHETT  
ST. STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL,  
HARRISBURG

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 22**

*LEMONADE TIME TO FOLLOW WORSHIP!*

9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

### **COMMUNITY BREAKFAST NEED!**

The Community Breakfast Crew will be collecting sunscreen and hats (baseball hats, bucket hats) to hand out at breakfast this summer. Please consider purchasing SPF 50 and over. Contact Jess Eccles at [jessicalp10@gmail.com](mailto:jessicalp10@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **LANCASTER PRIDE SATURDAY JUNE 28th**

It's St John's 4th year supporting and welcoming our LGBTQIA+ siblings at Lancaster Pride! Want to staff a shift at our table? Details and sign up here:

<https://tinyurl.com/StJohnsLancasterPride>

Or select and click "Pride Signup!" in the Messenger.

Questions? See Maria Weaver-Hollowniczky 717-341-9735

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS** – The Food Pantry needs 12 pack egg cartons again! Our partner Westfield Eggs is providing bulk eggs, and we are getting low. Thanks for your help!

### **JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION**

Landis Valley Village & Farm Museum, Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### **JUNETEENTH BLOCK PARTY**

400 block Rockland Street, Lancaster  
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## **WELCOME**

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church! We are glad you are here. Please tell us a little bit about yourself by filling out a pew card and placing it in the offertory plate.

## **OUR MINISTERS**

All Baptized Members

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Audrey C. Scanlan, Diocesan Bishop

The Rev. Amanda Knouse, Rector  
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Dr. Joe Pritchett, Assistant Rector  
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## **VESTRY**

Drew Dorgan (*Sr. Warden*), Charles Wear (*Treasurer*), Ted Loose (*Jr. Warden*),  
Molly Moyer (*Secretary*), Liz West, Kathy Kyper, Gretchen Walden,  
Penn Glazier, Mary Huber, Bruce Waskowicz, Sarah Jones

## **DELEGATES REPRESENTING ST. JOHN'S AT DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

Pam Loose, Br. David Rutledge, Joe Way, Drew Dorgan

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